

Please do something to restore fairness and integrity to the airwaves! Using the airwaves to broadcast slanted opinions and propaganda is not serving the interests of the American public.

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation. Now we know why we need the return of the fairness doctrine and equal time provision.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of information produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Why should the American public be subject to the Republican Party's manipulation of the media in order to influence viewers to vote for a lost cause? Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. What an absurdity that Sinclair's license renewal process simply involves returning a postcard to the FCC! Enough of this privatization crap! The public airwaves do not belong to corporate interests so they can sell their self-serving agenda. Thank you.